WRITERS IN VIRGINIA DIRECTORY

J - L

JACKSON, Joe

Fiction

3948 Shady Oaks Drive Virginia Beach, VA 23455 757/363-9316 JoJackson@aol.com

Publications: How I Left the Great State of Tennessee and Went on to Better Things (2004); Leavenworth Train (2002); Dead Row (1999); short story in Great River Review; literary essays in various publications; coauthor of Dead Run: The Shocking Story of Dennis Stockton and Life on Death Row in America; non-fiction narrative A Furnace Afloat: The Wreck of the Hornet and 4,300-Mile Voyage of Her Survivors (2003)

Awards/Honors: Five nominations, The Pulitzer Prize for Fiction; Finalist, Edgar Award for Best Fact Crime; Virginia Commission for the Arts Artist Fellowship (1998); Ohio Arts Council Fellowship; Mary Roberts Rinehart Fellowship; Stephen Graham Memorial Award (short fiction)

Readings/Workshops: Ohio public schools

Teaching: University of Toledo, Bowling Green State University, University of Arkansas

Fees: \$50 (reading)

\$100-\$150 (workshop)

\$150-\$200 (reading and workshop)

Negotiable

Travel expenses may be included

JENNINGS, Rosalie S. **Poetry**

106 South Grove Avenue Edinburg, VA 22824-9401 540/984-4417

Publications: Anthologies, The Poetry Society of Virginia, World of Poetry, and Sparrowgrass Poetry Forum; poems in Shenandoah Valley Writers' Guild Showcase, First Decade; The Homemaker, Alura Quarterly, Orphic Lute, Sandpipers, and in eleven volumes of The Poets' Domain

Awards/Honors: Shenandoah Valley Arts Council Award (1994, 1988), Shenandoah Valley Writers' Guild Writer of the Year (1984); prizes from The Poetry Society of Virginia and Poets-at-Work

Readings/Workshops: Readings for the Valley Branch of the Natonal League of American PEN Women. the Valley Educational Center for Creative Arts, the Shenandoah County Historical Society, the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Senior Center, and various writers' groups and churches; workshop at the Shenandoah Valley Writers' Guild

Fees: Negotiable

Preferences: Adults and students

Northern Virginia

JOHNSTON, Agnes N. Fiction & Poetry

708 South View Terrace Alexandria, VA 22314-4924 703/548-2258

Publications: Collections, *Bridges to Beginnings* (1996), *Beyond the Moongate* (1987); poetry in ROAD Publishers' series, *The Poet's Domain, Vols. 1-16, St. Anthony Messenger, Midwest Poetry Review, The Lyric, The China Connection, Chesapeake Literary Magazine, The Hollins Critic, Black Buzzard Review, Poetry Society of Virginia; short stories and articles*

Awards/Honors: Poetry Society of Virginia Award (1999); second prize, *Midwest Poetry Review* Award; recipient, National League of American PEN Women National & Branch Awards; *Chesapeake Literary Magazine* Award (1997)

Readings/Workshops: Alexandria Lyceum, women's groups, churches, libraries, and others

Teaching: Alexandria City Public Schools

Fees: Negotiable

Preferences: Adults and students

Northern Virginia

JULES, Jacqueline

Fiction (juvenile) & Poetry

2800 North Dinwiddie Street Arlington, VA 22207 703/237-9617 JacJules@aol.com

Publications: The Grey Striped Shirt (1995), Once Upon a Shabbos (1998), both juvenile fiction; essays in Woman's World, Citizenne, Nashville Banner, short fiction in Echoes Magazine, Young Judaean Magazine; poetry in Poet's Choice, The Sow's Ear Poetry Review, Lullwater Review, Slant, Pegasus, Aim, America, Cape Rock, South Ash Press, and others

Awards/Honors: Arlington Arts Moving Words Contest Award (1999); honorable mention, Sugarman Family Award (1999)

Readings/Workshops: Numerous readings in various settings

Teaching: Library media specialist

Fees: Negotiable

Preferences: Students (grades K-5)

Northern Virginia

KANNEMEYER, Derek

Poetry & Fiction

4304 Hillcrest Road Richmond, VA 23225 804/230-4507 dkannemeyer@st.chatherines.org

Publications: Poetry in *Wind, Urban Spaghetti, The Antietam Review, Thin Air, Troubador, Rolling Stone, The Richmond Quarterly,* others; short stories in *The New Virginia Review, H.G. Roberts Awards Annual,* and others

Awards/Honors: Thin Air Poetry Contest Winner (1999); George O. Squires Poetry Contest Winner (1996, 1997); awards, Irene Leache and The Poetry Society of Virginia Contests; finalist, Virginia Prize for Poetry (1986)

Readings/Workshops: Christopher Newport University College Writers Conference, Governor's School Writers Conference; readings at 1708 Gallery, Second Street Gallery, Virginia Commonwealth University, the Poetry Society of Virginia, Richmond Public Library, schools (K-12) throughout Virginia

Teaching: St. Christopher's School (Richmond, VA)

Fees: Negotiable

Preferences: All ages

All regions

KASSEM, Lou (Ms.)

Fiction

715 Burruss Drive, NW Blacksburg, VA 24060 540/552-2241 LMK1931@aol.com

Publications: Short story, *The Game of Love* in *Chicken Soup for Kid's Soul (1998); Sneeze on Monday* (1997); *The Innkeeper's Daughter* (1996), *Odd One Out* (1994), *The Druid Curse* (1994), *The Treasures of Witch Hat Mountain* (1992), *A Haunting in Williamsburg*, title change (1990), *Secret Wishes* (1988), *A Summer for Secrets* (1988), *Listen for Rachel* (1986), *Middle School Blues* (1986), *Dance of Death* (1984), novels for young audiences

Awards/Honors: Virginia Reading Association Award for Best Book for Young Readers; ALA Notable Book in Social Studies; John Gillespie's Best Books for Junior High Readers; listing in *Contemporary Authors* and *International Authors and Writers Who's Who*

Readings/Workshops: Presentations for the National Council of Teachers of English, the Virginia Library Association, VEMA, the Virginia Reading Association, the Virginia Council of Teachers of English; young authors conferences in Albany (New York) Glenns Falls (New York), Oak Ridge (Tennessee), Sringfield (Missouri), and in Virginia, North Carolina, Georgia, and Tennessee; workshops and readings in public schools and libraries throughout Virginia

Fees: \$75 (reading)

\$300 (workshop) Negotiable

Travel and per diem expenses are not included

Preferences: Adults and students

All regions

KEENER, LuAnn

Fiction & Poetry

604 Biltmore Avenue Lynchburg, VA 24502 804/846-0939 lkeener444@msn.com

Publications: Book, *Color Documentary* (1994); chapbook, Pudding House *Greatest Hits 1984-2002* (2003); poems anthologized in *The First Yes: Poems About Communicating* (1996), *Worlds in Our Words: Contemporary American Women Fiction Writers* (1997), *Buck and Wing: Southern Poetry at 2000* (2000); and *A Fierce Brightness: Twenty-five Years of Women's Poetry* (2002)

Awards/Honors: Americas Review Award for Poetry (1996); winner, Virginia Prize (1990); Writers At Work Award (1992); Chelsea Award for Poetry (1992); Hackney Award (1992); Mary Roberts Rinehart Award for Poetry (1991); Guy Owen Poetry Prize (1990); Irene Leach Award (1993)

Readings/Workshops: Virginia Tech Writers Series, St. Mary's College of Baltimore, Radford University, The Writer's Center (Bethesda, Maryland), Parthenon Poetry Series, Cranwell Center at Virginia Tech, Southeastern Women's Studies Association

Fees: Negotiable

Preferences: All ages All regions

KENNEDY, Sarah

Poetry

300 Newcastle Drive, #12 Colonial Heights, VA 23834 804/524-0974 sarahkennedy@juno.com

Publications: Book, From the Midland Plain (1999); selected poetry, Shopping (1999), The Last Temple Oranges (1999), The Starving Girl (1999), With the Amish (1999), The Pictures (1999), Grounded (1997), Taking Aim (1997), Leaving the Land (1997), Equinox (1996), The Departure (1995), The Quilter (1995), A Summer's Tale (1989), others; essays and reviews in Shenandoah, The Roanoke Times

Awards/Honors: Winner, Northern Lights Award (1997); recipient, Marjorie Lees Linn Poetry Award (1995); commendation, The Chester A. Jones Foundation Poetry Contest (1995); first place, White Rabbit Poetry Contest (1994)

Readings/Workshops: Presentations at the University of Virginia at Wise, Plattsburgh State University, Dakota State University, Ball State University; readings, Artemis Reading Series, Salem Lights Reading, Purdue University, others

Teaching: Virginia State University, Roanoke College, Purdue University

Fees: Negotiable

Preferences: All ages

All regions

KREITER-FORONDA, Carolyn

P.O. Box 90 Hardyville, VA 23070 804/776-9053 (h) pforonda@oasisonline.com

Publications: Books of poetry, *Greatest Hits* (2001), *In a Certain Place* (2000), *Death Comes Riding* (1999); Contrary Visions (1988) and *Gathering Light* (1993), collections of poetry; poems in *Poet Lore, Antioch Review, Mid-American Review, Antietam Review, California Quarterly, Hispanic Culture Review, New Mexico Humanities Review, Negative Capability, WPFW Anthology, Prairie Schooner, Passages North, 1985 Anthology of Magazine Verse and Yearbook of American Poetry, and others*

Poetry

Awards/Honors: Rotary Meritorious Educator Award; Hodgson Award; National Scholastic Teacher Portfolio Award; Virginia Cultural Laureate Award (poetry); co-winner, Edgar Allan Poe Memorial Prize, The Poetry Society of Virginia; Virginia Educational Research Association Award; Achievement & Service Award, George Mason University; grant awards

Readings/Workshops: The Library of Congress, Mary Washington College, George Mason University, The George Washington University, Mount Vernon College, Folger Shakespeare Library, St. Mary's College, Northern Virginia Community College, Iliff Nursing Home, Shelter for the Homeless, Corcoran Art Gallery, Arlington Arts Center, Art Barn, Ellipse Arts Center, and others

Teaching: George Mason University, Fairfax County Public Schools, Alexandria City Public Schools, The Writer's Center (Bethesda, Maryland), Artists-in-Education Residency Programs, and others

Fees: Negotiable

Travel expenses are included

Preferences: Adults and students

KUTCHINS, Laurie

Poetry

P.O. Box 5 Singers Glen, VA 22850 540/833-5128 kutchill@jmu.edu

Publications: Weather Stories (in progress); poetry, The Night Path (1997), Between Towns (1993); poems in The New Yorker, The Georgia Review, Ploughshares, Kenyon Review, Southern Review, Poetry, Tar River Review, Calyx, Nimrod, Blue Mesa Review, Yellow Silk, Denver Quarterly, Northern Lights, West Branch, Mid-American Review; numerous anthologies

Awards/Honors: Isabella Gardner Award for Poetry (1997); Virginia Commission for the Arts Poetry Fellowship (1995); Edna T. Schaeffer Award in the Humanities, James Madison University (1995); James Madison University Research Fellowship (1994); Texas Tech First-Book Poetry Series Award (1993); Pennsylvania Council on the Arts Fellowships (1993, 1990); residencies, Ucross Foundation (1990, 1995), the Virginia Center for the Creative Arts (1994), MacDowell Foundation (1991), Yellowstone National Park (1992)

Readings/Workshops: Numerous workshops and readings throughout the United States

Teaching: James Madison University, University of New Mexico, Bucknell University, Taos Summer Writers Conference (UNM)

Fees: Negotiable

Preferences: All ages

LANGHORNE, Elizabeth

Fiction

250 Pantops Mountain Road Charlottesville, VA 22901 804/980-9304

Publications: A Virginia Family and Its Plantation Houses (1989), Monticello, a Family Story (1987), Nancy Astor and Her Friends (1974); short stories in The Saturday Evening Post and The New Mexico Quarterly; essays in Folklore, Folklife in Virginia (1979), Albemarle (1992)

Awards/Honors: MacDowell Colony Fellowships; Virginia Center for the Creative Arts Fellowships

Teaching: University of Virginia, Piedmont Community College, Vassar College Symposium

Fees: \$100 - \$200 (reading)

Preferences: Adults

All regions

LASKAS, Gretchen Moran Poetry

13571 Gelding Place Gainesville, VA 20155 gretchenlaskas@aol.com

Publications: Novel, *The Midwife's Tale* (2003); essays and short stories in *Appalachian Heritage*, *American Girls About Town*, *The Heartlands Today*, *Senior Musician*, *Salt Hill Journal*, *Pleiades*, *Mobius*, *The Orange Coast Review*, *Inkwell Magazine*, *Wonderful West Virginia*, *Traditional Quiltworks*

Awards/Honors: Winner, Appalachian Writers Association's Book of the Year Award (2004); Appalachian Studies Association Weatherford Award (2004); Tri-State Young Adult Review Committee Book of Note (2004); nomination, Library of Virginia Award (2004); nomination, Southeastern Booksellers Association Book of the Year (2004); winner, *Inkwell Magazine's* Annual Short Story Award (1998); finalist, Virginia Festival of the Book Short Story Award; honorable mention, Harriette Arnow Short Story Award; winner, Appalachian Writers' Association Best Short Story Award

Readings/Workshops: (New York City), George Mason University, Appalachian Studies Association, University of Virginia, Geneva College, Prince William County (Virginia) Public Libraries, Loudoun County (Virginia Public Libraries, Danville Community College, Firelands Writers Center (Ohio), and others

Fees: Negotiable

Preferences: All regions

All ages

LEITCH, Monty S.

Fiction

113 Huffville Road Pilot, VA 24138 540/651-4502 mleitch@swva.net

Publications: Short stories in *Virginia, Artemis XIV, Window*; personal essays in *Shenandoah, Union Street Review;* books, *In Appreciation of a Distinct Need: The 75th Anniversary History of St. Albans Hospital* (1991), *Baptized Into One Body: The First 165 Years of Christiansburg Presbyterian Church* (1993); articles in *Writer's Digest* and local publications; feature columnist for *The Roanoke Times*

Awards/Honors: Presbyterian Historical Society's Robert Lee Stowe Award (1993); *Shenandoah*'s Thomas H. Carter Prize for the Essay (1992); residencies, Virginia Center for the Creative Arts (1990, 1991); B. Frank Vogel Scholar in Nonfiction, Bread Loaf Writers' Conference (1989); National Endowment for the Humanities Fellow - Seminar for Critics of the Arts (1977)

Teaching: Roanoke College, Reynolds Homestead Continuing Education Center (Virginia Tech), Virginia Western Community College, public school workshops

Fees: Negotiable

Preferences: Adults and students

All regions (with travel and per diem expenses paid)

LEMBKE, Janet

Poetry

210 North Madison Street Staunton, VA 24401 540/886-4180

Publications: Poetry collections, *Bronze and Iron* (1973), *Duo* (1966); *Electra* (1994), *Hecuba* (1991), *Persians* (1981), *Suppliants* (1975), translations; poetry in *Arion, The Beloit Poetry Journal, Carleton Miscellany, Inlet, Poetry Northwest*; six volumes of creative non-fiction

Awards/Honors: Sierra Nature Writing Award (1989)

Readings/Workshops: Wisconsin Public Radio, Virginia Wesleyan College, Blue Ridge Writers Conference, Boston University, University of Kansas, Princeton University, Yale University, Roanoke Public Library. Second Street Gallery, many others

Teaching: Princeton University, Mary Baldwin College, Blue Ridge Community College, Coastal Carolina

Community College

Fees: Negotiable

Travel expenses are included

Preferences: Adults

All regions

LEONHARDT, Alice

Fiction

(Alison Hart) 174 Cider Mill Road Mt. Sidney, VA 24467 540/248-1811 bbba@cfw.com

Publications: Hostage and Pursuit, Police Work series (2000); Shadow Horse, juvenile mystery (1999); Legend of the Vanishing Leopard, Why the Ocean is Salty, Wild Cats, Ocean Life: Tide Pool Creatures (1999); books in the Thoroughbred and Nancy Drew Mysteries series, as well as the writer's own series, Riding Academy; various educational materials

Readings/Workshops: Writer-in-Residence, Verona Elementary School; presentations, Staunton City Library, Augusta County Library, Writers Guild of Arcadiana, as well as schools in Virginia and Maryland

Teaching: Blue Ridge Community College, public schools

Fees: Negotiable

Preferences: All ages

All regions

LEOTTA, Joan

Poetry

Story Performer and Writer 1900 South Eads Street, Apt. #1104 Arlington, VA 22202 703/892-1991 JGL1@aol.com www.voicesintheglen.org/tellers/jleotta

Publications: Horn Book, Road Publishers, American Conservatory, Humpty Dumpty, New Family Life; Massachusetts, Complete Guide to the Shenandoah Valley, books for adults and children; numerous articles and interviews in New York Poetry Review, Virginia Parent News, and other publications

Awards/Honors: Included in *Italian American Poet*; Edpress-Non Fiction for Children Award; Virginia Fine Arts Award for Performing Arts (storytelling)

Readings/Workshops: The Kennedy Center, various museums, libraries, elementary schools, middle schools, high schools, bookstores; workshops on poetry as story and drama, the relationship of poetry to non-fiction writing, how to perform poetry

Teaching: Fairfax County Public Schools

Fees: Negotiable

Travel expenses are included

Preferences: Adults and students

All regions

LINDENSMITH, Mark Stephen Fiction

969 Buck Mountain Road Earlysville, VA 22936 804/973-7201 (h) 804/817-6574 (o)

Publications: Short stories in South Dakota Review, New Letters, Thema and Wind magazine; collection of

short stories, Short-Term Losses (1996)

Awards/Honors: Virginia Center for the Creative Arts Fiction Fellowship; Virginia Commission for the Arts

Fiction Fellowship (1995)

Readings/Workshops: Numerous presentations for bookstores, schools, and literary groups

Fees: Negotiable

Preferences: Adults and students

Central Virginia preferred

LIVELY, Kathryn

Fiction

2217 Estuary Court Virginia Beach, VA 23451 757/306-2332 livelywriter@yahoo.com www.kathrynlively.com

Publications: Little Flowers, novel; Saints Preserve Us, mystery; Dangerous Words, novella (with Bob

Stanton)

Awards/Honors: Finalist, 2002 EPPIE Best Inspirational Novel Award

Readings/Workshops: Catholic Writer's Festival (Franciscan University of Steubenville)

Teaching: Duval County Public Schools (Florida)

Fees: Negotiable

Preferences: All ages

LLITERAS, D. S.

Poetry & Fiction

P.O. Box 5216 Virginia Beach, VA 23471 757/464-2235

Publications: Novels, *Judas the Gentile* (1999), *The Thieves of Golgotha* (1998), *Half Hidden by Twilight* (1994), *Six-Thirteen,* (forthcoming), *Into the Ashes* (1993); *In the Heart of Things* (1992); book of poetry, *In a Warrior's Romance* (1991); *Walking Shadows*, a screenplay in pre-production negotiations

Teaching: Florida State University

Fees: Negotiable

Travel expenses are included

Preferences: Adults All regions

LYLE, Katie Letcher

Fiction

110 West McDowell Lexington, VA 24450 540/463-5439

Publications: Musical comedy, Free Mel Greenberg (1999); stories, Letters from Peking (1999) and When the Fighting is All Over, a Memoir (1998); novels, Finders Weepers (1983), Dark But Full of Diamonds (1981), The Golden Shores of Heaven (1976), Fair Day and Another Step Begun (1974) and I Will Go Barefoot All Summer for You (1973); The Foraging Gourmet (1995), The Wild Berry Book (1994), The Man Who Wanted Seven Wives (1986), Scalded to Death by the Steam (1983), non-fiction; short stories in VIVA International; stories in Shenandoah, Virginia Quarterly Review, others

Awards/Honors: Virginia Foundation for the Humanities and Public Policy Fellowship (1998); nominations, Newbery Award (1973, 1974); Bread Loaf Fellowship; first and second prizes, Irene Leache Memorial Essay Contest; second place, Hackney Award

Readings/Workshops: Virginia Wesleyan College, Virginia Beach City Public Schools, Old Dominion University, Ferrum College, University of North Carolina, Randolph-Macon Women's College, Hampden-Sydney College, others

Teaching: Hollins University, Southern Seminary Junior College, Washington & Lee University, Bread Loaf Writers' Conference, Elderhostel

Fees: \$500 (readings)

\$1000/day (speeches/workshops)

Travel and per diem expenses are not included

Preferences: Adults

All regions

LYNSKEY, Edward C. Fiction & Poetry

9124 Bramble Place Annadale, VA 22003

Publications: The Tree Surgeon's Gift (1990), Teeth of the Hydra (1986), and Wrought Iron (1980); poems in Atlantic Monthly, Commonweal, New Letters, American Poetry Review, Chicago Review, Dalhousie Review, Hampden-Sydney Review, Carolina Quarterly, and others; reviews in The New York Times, The Washington Post, The Chicago Sun-Times, and others; stories in Sou-wester and River Sedge

Awards/Honors: Semi-finalist, Virginia Prize for Poetry (1987, 1989); seven nominations, Pushcart Prize; Denny G. Plattner Award (twice); Plainsong Poem Award (twice)

Readings/Workshops: Hollins University, Mary Washington College, Georgetown University, Folger Shakespeare Library, and others

Teaching: George Mason University, Northern Virginia Community College

Fees: Negotiable

Preferences: Adults and students

All regions

LYONS, Mary E.

Fiction

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Publications: Ellen Bee (2000), Talking with Tebé (1998), The Poison Place (1997), Catching the Fire (1996), Keeping Secrets (1995), Deep Blues (1994), Master of Mahogany (1994), Stitching Stars (1993), Starting Home (1993), Letters from a Slave Girl: The Story of Harriet Jacobs (1992), Raw Head Bloody Bones (1991), Sorrow's Kitchen (1990)

Awards/Honors: Virginia Library Association Jefferson Cup Series Award; National Endowment for the Humanities Teacher/Scholar Award; Jane Addams Peace Association Honor Book Award (1993); Golden Kite Award from the Society of Children's Book Writers & Illustrators (1992); Virginia Foundation for the Humanities Fellowships; and others

Readings/Workshops: Presentations for the National Association of Independent School Librarians, the Virginia Library Association Annual Conference, Eastern Mennonite University, the International Reading Association National Convention, the Virginia Festival of the Book, Radford University, the University of Richmond, the Richmond Area Reading Council, the Maryland Library Association among others; readings and visiting author at schools throughout the United States

Teaching: Public schools

Fees: \$500 per day for schools

(within 1 hour of Charlottesville) \$750 per day for overnight travel

Travel and per diem expenses are not included

Negotiable

Preferences: Adults and students (grades 6-12)

All regions

LYTHGOE, Michael H. Poetry

7707 Ontario Road Gainesville, VA 20155 703/754-9334 m_lythgoe@apics-hq.org

Publications: Chapbook of poetry, *Visions, Revisions* (1992); poems, reviews, and interviews in *Moveo Angelus, Pif Magazine, The Caribbean Writer, The South Dakota Review, Lull Water Review, Edge City Review,* among others

Awards/Honors: Selected by U.S. Poet Laureate Robert Pinsky for inclusion in the Library of Congress' *Favorite Poems Project* (1999); honorable mention, Poet's Choice Awards (1999); Jenny McKean Moore Fellow, The George Washington University (1992); honorable mention, John David Johnson Poetry Competition - *Poet Magazine* (1992); recipient, Award of Excellence - Chapbook Awards (1992)

Readings/Workshops: Bennington College, Baylor University, Barnes & Noble, *The New Virginia Review* (panel), Northern Virginia Community College, Christendom College, Woodbridge High School, Flint Hill Wakefield School, Prince William County Libraries, art galleries, Syracuse University, among others

Teaching: Bennington College, Christendom College, Woodbridge High School, Flint Hill Wakefield School, Prince William County Libraries, art galleries, Syracuse University, others

Fees: Negotiable

Preferences: Adults and students (grades 9-12)

All regions

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